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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21-63 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21-63 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 March 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the application filed on February 9, 2004. Claims 21-63 are pending. Claims 21-63 represent a apparatus and method for delivering Internet content to a variety of thin client devices.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 21-63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mott et al. US Patent No. 6,170,060. Mott teaches the invention as claimed including a method for targeting a digital information device (see abstract).

As per claim 21, Mott teaches an apparatus, comprising:

a first interface capable of coupling to a wide area network (WAN) (a client browser 219);
a second interface capable of coupling at least one device via a local area network (LAN) (device interface 221); and

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a server having a storage device (digital files; 216), the server coupled to the first and second interfaces to retrieve content specified by a user (client site 210) via the first interface (client browser 219) from a remote facility over the WAN (network 240), to store the content in the storage device, and to deliver the content to the at least one device (playback device 212) via the second interface (device interface 221) over the LAN under the control of or as specified by the user (column 5, column 8, lines 5-55; Figures 2, 4 and 6).

As per claim 22, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 21, wherein the server comprises a graphical user interface (GUI) to associate the content with at least one of the devices coupled to the LAN and to schedule the time the content is to be delivered (column 8, lines 5-55)

As per claim 23, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 21, wherein the content is retrieved and stored in the server according to a first schedule and is delivered to the at least one device according to a second schedule, and wherein the first and second schedules are different and controllable by the user (column 8, lines 5-55).

As per claim 24, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 21, wherein the content is accessible by multiple devices coupled to the LAN based on a schedule specified by the user (group ID, column 6, lines 1-40; column 12, lines 34-67).

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As per claim 25, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 24, wherein the server synchronizes content specified by the user among the multiple devices according to a schedule specified by the user (column 8, lines 5-55; column 12, lines 34-67).

As per claim 26, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 21, wherein the content is retrieved based on availability information of the content at the remote facility (column 5, lines 40-67; column 6, lines 1-40).

As per claim 27, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 21, wherein the LAN comprises a wireless network (column 4, lines 61-67).

As per claim 28, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a database within the storage device of the server to retain personal preferences specified by the user (user profile; column 8, lines 1-40).

As per claim 29, Mott teaches a method, comprising:
automatically downloading content specified by a user from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN) (files 216 downloaded through a network 240 independently; column 8, lines 38-50); and
delivering the content to at least one device via a local area network (LAN) under the control of or as specified by the user (download the files to the client system; column 8, lines 57-67).

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As per claim 30, Mott teaches the method of claim 29, further comprising associating the content with at least one of the devices coupled to the LAN (user preferences and profile; column 8, lines 1-40)

As per claim 31, Mott teaches the method of claim 29, further comprising:
scheduling the downloading according to a first schedule (column 8, lines 5-40); and
scheduling the delivering according to a second schedule, wherein the first and second schedules' are different and controlled by the user (column 8, lines 40-55)

As per claim 32, Mott teaches the method of claim 31, wherein the scheduling of the downloading and delivering are performed based further upon an availability of the content at the remote facility (column 5, lines 40-67; column 6, lines 1-40).

As per claim 33, Mott teaches the method of claim 29, further comprising synchronizing content of the at least one device according to a schedule specified by the user (column 8, lines 5-55).

As per claim 34, Mott teaches the method of claim 29, further comprising retaining personal preferences specified by the user (column 8, lines 1-40).

Claims 35-39 are rejected under the same rationale as claims 29-34 because they claim a method with same limitations as the apparatus claims 29-34.

As per claims 40 and 42, Mott teaches a method for acquiring and presenting content, the method comprising:

receiving one or more preferences from a user via a user interface for the content to be downloaded from a content server over a wide area network (WAN) (column 8, lines 38-50);

downloading the content from the content server over the WAN to a server capable of coupling one or more client devices via a local area network (LAN) according to a schedule (column 8, lines 5-55); and

delivering the downloaded content from the server to at least one of the one or more client devices under a control of the user (column 8, lines 57-67).

As per claims 41 and 43, Mott teaches the method of claims 40 and 42, wherein the downloading is performed based further upon availability information of the content at the content server (column 5, lines 40-67; column 6, lines 1-40).

As per claim 44, Mott teaches method for presenting content, the method comprising:
selecting content from a Web site using a content selection interface at a local system according to a first time (column 8, lines 5-55);

downloading the content based on an availability of the content at the Web site at a second time (column 8, lines 38-50); and

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delivering the downloaded content to one or more client devices at a third time specified by the user, wherein the first time, the second time, and the third time are different (column 8, lines 57-67).

As per claim 45, Mott teaches the method of claim 44, wherein the downloading is performed based further upon availability information of the content at the Web site (column 5, lines 40-67; column 6, lines 1-40).

As per claim 46, Mott teaches an apparatus for viewing content, the apparatus comprising: a first data processing system capable of communicating with a remote facility over an Internet, the first data processing system having a first interface to select content stored at the remote facility and a scheduling mechanism to schedule a transaction for acquiring the selected content from the remote facility over the Internet (column 8, lines 38-50); and

a second data processing system communicably coupled to the first data processing system over a local area network (LAN), the second data processing system having a second interface to activate a delivery of the acquired content from the first data processing system over the LAN (column 8, lines 57-67).

As per claim 47, Mott teaches the apparatus of claim 46, wherein the scheduling of the downloading of the content is performed based further upon availability information of the content at the remote facility (column 5, lines 40-67; column 6, lines 1-40).

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As per claims 48, 52 and 56, Mott teaches an apparatus, method and medium comprising:
a computing device capable of communicatively coupling to a wide area network (WAN) and
capable of communicatively coupling to at least one client device over a local area network
(client site 210; network 240; columns 8, lines 5-25);

a first user interface executable at the computing device, the first user interface allowing
a user to select content to be downloaded from a remote facility over the WAN (client browser
219);

a storage device associated with the computing device to store the downloaded content
(library files 216); and

a second user interface executable at the at least one client device for activating delivery
of the stored downloaded content from the computing device to the at least one client device over
the LAN (device interface 221 and playback device 212; column 8, lines 5-55).

As per claims 49, 53 and 57 the apparatus method and medium of claims 48, 52 and 56
wherein the selected content is downloaded from the remote facility to the computing device
periodically (column 8, lines 30-50).

As per claims 50, 54 and 58 the apparatus method and medium of claims 49, 53 and 57
wherein periodic downloading of the selected content is performed based on availability
information associated with the selected content (column 5, lines 40-67; column 6, lines 1-40).

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As per claims 51, 55 and 59, Mott teaches the apparatus, method and medium of claims 48, 52 and 56 further comprising a database for presenting to the at least one client device downloaded content based on information associated with the downloaded content stored in the storage (library site 250; library management software; 250; column 8, lines 5-55)

As per claims 60 and 62, Mott teaches a method and medium, comprising:

a server receiving a request for content, the request including a schedule for periodically delivery of the requested content (library server 250; column 8, lines 5-25);

the server periodically downloading the requested content from a remote facility over a wide area network (WAN)(library site 250; column 8, lines 25-40);

storing the downloaded content at a storage associated with the server (digital files 216; column 4, lines 4-60; and

delivering the stored content from the server to at least one client device over a local area network (LAN) according to the schedule (column 8, lines 5-55).

As per claims 61 and 63, Mott teaches the method and medium of claims 60 and 62, wherein periodically downloading the requested content is performed further based on availability information of the requested content (column 5, lines 40-67; column 6, lines 1-40).

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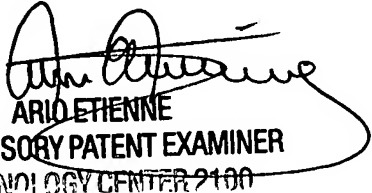
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Uzma Alam whose telephone number is (571) 272-3995. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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